

## The Watauga Democrat.

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### Death of Edward Cooper.

There was buried at Greenwood to day a man with a curious history. He had been a confederate soldier, as brave as any of his comrades but he deserted his army during the war and was tried by court-martial for doing so. Edward Cooper was his name. For the past year he has been living at No. 335 Fourth avenue.

One bleak December morning in 1863 he was before a court martial of the Army of Northern Virginia. The prisoner was told to introduce his witness. He replied, "I have no witness." Astonished at the answer with which he seemed to be submitting to his inevitable fate, Gen. Battle said to him: "Have you no defence? It is impossible that you abandoned your comrades and deserted your colors in the presence of the enemy without reason?"

"There was a reason," replied Cooper, "but it will not avail me before a military tribunal."

"Perhaps you are mistaken," said the General; "you are charged with the highest crime known to military law, and it is your duty to make known the cause that influenced your actions."

Approaching the president of the court, Cooper presented a letter, saying as he did so; "There, General, is what did it!"

The letter was offered as the prisoner's defense. It was in these words:

"Dear Edward: Since your connection with the Confederate army I have been prouder of you than ever before. I would not have you do anything wrong for the world, but before God Edward, unless you come home we must die! Last night I was aroused by little Eddie crying. I called to him and said: What is the matter, Eddie? He replied: Oh, mamma, I am so hungry. And Lucy, your darling Lucy. She never complains. But she grows thinner and thinner every day. Before God, Edward, unless you come home we must die."

YOUR MARY."

Turning to the prisoner, Gen. Battle asked: "What did you do when you received that letter?"

Cooper replied: "I made application for a furlough. It was rejected. Again I made application and it was rejected. That night as I wandered about our camp thinking of my home, the wild eyes of Lucy looking up to me and the burning words of Mary sinking on my brain, I was no longer the Confederate soldier, but I was the father of Lucy and the husband of Mary."

"If every gun in the battery had been fired upon me I would have passed those lines. When I reached home Mary flung her arms around my neck and sobbed: 'Oh, my Edward! I am so glad you got your furlough.' She must have felt me shudder, for she turned as pale as death, and catching her breath at every word, she said, 'Have you come without your furlough? Go back! Edward, go back! Let me and the children go down to

the grave, but for Heaven's sake, save the honor of your name!"

"There was not an officer on that court martial who did not feel the force of the prisoner's words, but each in turn pronounced the verdict guilty. The proceedings of the court were reviewed by General Lee, and upon the record was written:

"Headquarters A. N. V.—the finding of the court approved. The prisoner is pardoned and will report to his company. R. E. LEE, Gen."

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### TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons that I now have the town tax-books, with orders to collect at once. All taxes that are not paid by the tenth day of Aug. will be collected as the law directs. So please come forward and save cost and trouble. Respectfully, N. N. COLVARD, MARSHAL.

North Carolina, Watauga County, Justice's court.

Alfred Green, vs. Jacob Woodring.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in a justice's court in Watauga County, N. C., to secure the payment of \$150.00, due by note, subject to certain credits. The defendant is requested to appear at my office, in the town of Boone Watauga county, N. C., on the 2nd day of Aug., 1890, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This June 20 '90. D. B. Dougherty, J. P.

### NOTICE!

I will sell for cash at the court house door in Boone, on the 25th day of Aug. 1890 to the highest bidder, Richard Crawley's interest in 35 acres of land more or less on the Beech Mountain, in Watauga county adjoining the lands of Smith Rominger and others, to satisfy a bill of costs in the case of J. W. Smith against Richard Crawley, said mortgage is dated 3rd day of October 1887, and registered in the office of register of deeds for said co. J. B. Todd, per J. L. Hayes, Sh'ff. July 24th 1890.

### NOTICE!

S. L. Patterson adm. vs. L. L. Greene.

By virtue of an execution issued from the office of the Superior court clerk of Caldwell county N. C. in the above entitled action in favor of plaintiff and against the defendant for the sum of \$1546.72 (subject to a credit) I will expose to public sale at the court house door in Boone, N. C. on the 25th day of Aug. 1890 it being Monday of the Superior court, L. L. Greene's interest in the following lands to-wit: the J. J. Horton lots in the town of Boone, adjoining the lands of W. L. Bryan and others known as the J. J. Horton property consisting of all the lots formerly owned by the said Horton and sold to L. L. Greene which is more fully described by the plat of the town of Boone filed on by me on the 21st day of July 1890 to satisfy the above named execution interest and cost, J. L. Hayes Sh'ff. This July 22nd 1890.

North Carolina, Watauga Co. } Sup'r. Court.

James H. Gwyn vs. Thos. E. Teegarden

Let the defendant in the above entitled action take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court to be held for Watauga county on the 4th Monday in August to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff which will be filed the first three days of the term in an action of debt for the recovery of three hundred dollars due by note with interest it being for the purchase money of land situated in said county, and let the defendant take notice that if he fails to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, the relief therein asked will be granted.

J. B. Todd, C. S. C. E. F. Lovill, Att'y for Plt'ff.

### NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior court of Watauga county, N. C., the undersigned as commissioner will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in the town of Boone, on the 25th day of August 1890 it being Monday of the fall term of the court, the following described tract of land lying on the waters of North Fork of New river on the north east side of Elk Knob at the base of said knob adjoining the lands of the William Horton sugar camp tract, containing 75 acres more or less, and being the land belonging to the heirs of Nathan Horton deceased. Terms one fourth cash on day of sale and the balance to be secured by note on three months time. This July 8 1890. E. F. LOVILL, COM.

North Carolina, Watauga county, } NOTICE.

H. C. Mills, vs. J. F. Wagner.

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior court clerk's office of Watauga county, N. C. in favor of the plaintiff, and against the defendant in the above entitled action I will expose to public sale at the court house door in the town of Boone N. C. on the 25th day of August 1890, it being Monday of the Superior court, for cash to the highest bidder J. F. Wagner's interest in a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Watauga township Watauga county on the waters of Watauga river adjoining the lands of H. Taylor, D. F. Baird and others it being the whole tract formerly owned by W. H. Greer and known as the Greer lands levied on by me on the 21st day of July 1890 to satisfy the above named execution it being for the purchase money of said lands with interest and cost. J. L. Hayes, Sh'ff. July, 22nd 1890.

### READ THIS.

All persons indebted to me, either by note or account for medical services, or for merchandise are earnestly requested to come forward and make prompt settlement as I am compelled to have my money. I have waited long and patiently, as my friends well know, and now, that I am forced to call on them, I hope they will respond promptly to my request. I have made a change in my business and must therefore close up all past transactions. Persons failing to make settlement by Oct 1st. 1890 will find their accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. Any person desiring can pay their accounts due me, to T. J. Coffey & Bro. whose receipt will be accepted by me.

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